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February 11, 2008

The Honorable Donald C. Winter  
Secretary of the Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Winter:

I am writing in regards to the issues surrounding La Jolla Commons and Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar.

As you may know, Hines and Makar Properties are developing La Jolla Commons, residential and commercial property at the intersection of La Jolla Village Drive and I-805 in San Diego. It is my understanding that in 2001, the Marine Corps, along with the City of San Diego, approved the construction of buildings on this property up to a height of 703 feet. However, after construction commenced in 2006, a conflict with a seldom used Miramar flight path was discovered. As a result, the developers were notified by MCAS Miramar and the FAA that construction of the complex could not exceed a height of 550 feet, despite the previous arrangement.

Like you, I believe that the safety of our men and women in uniform must be paramount. To that end, I appreciate the willingness of Mr. Paul C. Hubbell, Deputy Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, taking the time last year to meet with me, other Members of Congress and staff to discuss the Marine Corps' opposition to the La Jolla Commons project. I hope a written response from you could further clarify how decisions impacting this project were made so that misunderstandings like this can be avoided in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Royce".

EDWARD R. ROYCE

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